



**LOS ANGELES TO SAN DIEGO VIA THE INLAND EMPIRE SECTION
CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SYSTEM
PROJECT EIR/EIS NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

What's Being Planned?	<p>The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), as the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for a proposed California High-Speed Train (HST) System, is issuing this Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Los Angeles to San Diego (LA-SD) via the Inland Empire Section. The LA-SD via the Inland Empire Section of the HST System selected by the Authority and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) generally follows the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Riverside/Colton corridor between LA Union Station and March Air Reserve Base (ARB). From March ARB to Mira Mesa the selected Interstate 215/Interstate 15 (I-215/I-15) alignment generally follows the I-215 and then the I-15 corridor to Mira Mesa. There are two alignment options along Carroll Canyon and Miramar Road that would directly serve downtown San Diego. Both alignment options between Mira Mesa and San Diego are preferred for further investigation. Through an early agency outreach process, additional alternative project alignments were identified for consideration in the project EIR/EIS process, which include alternatives to the UPRR Riverside/Colton alignment along the Metrolink, I-10, I-605, Holt Avenue and State Route 60 corridors; an alternative alignment along the I-15 corridor through San Bernardino and Riverside County, and an alternative alignment west of the University City corridor in San Diego County. Preparation of the LA-SD HST project EIR/EIS will identify and evaluate reasonable and feasible site-specific alignment alternatives and station locations, and evaluate the impacts from construction, operation, and maintenance of the HST System along the UPRR/I-215/I-15 corridor from Los Angeles to San Diego. The Authority is issuing the NOP to solicit public and agency input into the development of the scope of the EIR and to advise the public that outreach activities will be conducted by the Authority and its representatives in the preparation of the joint EIR/EIS. The FRA, an operating administration with the United States Department of Transportation, will serve as federal lead agency for the federal environmental review process, complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FRA has responsibility for oversight of the safety of railroad operations, including the safety of any proposed High-Speed Train System. The FRA also has responsibility for providing federal funding for intercity passenger rail capital investments including high-speed rail. The FRA will publish a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register, announcing the agency's intention to initiate the federal environmental review process for this Section of the HST System.</p>
Why This Ad?	<p>The purpose of the EIR/EIS process is to explore in a public setting the effects of the proposed project on the physical, human, and natural environment. Impact areas to be addressed include transportation; safety and security; land use and zoning; land acquisition, displacements and relocations; cumulative and secondary impacts; agricultural land impacts; cultural resources, including impacts on historical and archaeological resources and parklands/recreation areas; neighborhood compatibility and Environmental Justice; natural resource impacts including air quality, wetlands, water resources, noise, vibration, energy, and wildlife and ecosystems, including endangered species. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate all adverse impacts will be identified and evaluated.</p>
Where Do You Come In?	<p>Do you have any comments regarding the NOP? Written comments about the scope of this EIR/EIS may be sent to Mr. Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director, ATTN: Los Angeles to San Diego HST Section via the Inland Empire Project EIR/EIS, California High-Speed Rail Authority, 925 L Street, Suite 1425, Sacramento, CA 95814, or via email with subject line "LA-SD HST Section via the Inland Empire" to: comments@hsr.ca.gov. Interested agencies and the public can send their responses to this NOP to the Authority or provide written or oral comments at one of the Public Scoping Meetings below no later than November 20, 2009.</p>

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS WILL BE FROM 3 P.M. TO 7 P.M. *Arrive any time during these hours.*

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Tuesday, October 13
Lawrence Family Jewish
Community Center
4126 Executive Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037

Wednesday, October 14
Ramada Limited
San Diego Airport
1403 Rosecrans Street
San Diego, CA 92106

Thursday, October 15
Escondido Center
for the Arts
340 N. Escondido Blvd.
Escondido, CA 92025

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Monday October 19
Murrieta Public Library
Eight Town Square
24700 Adams Avenue
Murrieta, CA 92562

Tuesday, October 20
Corona Public Library
West Room
650 S. Main Street
Corona, CA 92882

Thursday, October 22
Bobby Bonds Park
Cesar Chavez
Community Center
2060 University Avenue
Riverside, CA 92507

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Wednesday, October 21
Shepherd of the Hills
Methodist Church
Wesley Fellowship Hall
333 S. Garfield Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Monday, October 26
City of West Covina
City Hall
Community Room/1st Fl.
1444 W. Garvey Avenue
West Covina, CA 91790

Wednesday, October 28
El Monte Community Center
Grace T. Black Auditorium
3130 Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Thursday, October 29
Pomona First Baptist Church
Room E-202
586 N. Main Street
Pomona, CA 91768

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Monday, November 2
Ontario Airport
Administrative
Conference Rooms
1923 E. Avion Street
Ontario, CA 91764

Tuesday, November 3
Norman Feldheim
Central Library
Kellogg Room
555 West 6th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92410

REGULATORY AGENCY SCOPING MEETINGS: *Both meetings from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon*

Thursday, October 15
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Conference Room 1
6010 Hidden Valley Road
Carlsbad, CA 92011

Thursday, October 22
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region - Highgrove Room
3737 Main Street, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92501

All meetings will be formatted identically. Please attend preferred location.

For more information, call: (909) 627-2974 or (916) 324-1541.

Para solicitar este aviso en español, llame: (909) 627-2974 o (916) 324-1541.

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